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We are promised a "sleepy" session of congress. Amen!

It's up to you. The merchants have the goods and all they want is the price.

These are times when the old folks sigh for an elastic currency and the youngsters for elastic stockings.

At any rate the railroads have been doing a killing holiday business.

Zalaya, who long sneered at the insurgent movement, has resigned. Will history repeat itself in the case of Cannon?

Developments show that there is a legion of persons who do their Christmas shopping early, but their Christmas buying late.

Turkey, like England, is having a budget crisis. For that matter, at this season of the year everybody is having a budget crisis.

From the present outlook the congressional state-makers have entirely lost sight of one Ernest M. Polard, former congressman.

At the prevailing price of beef and pork, the meat business is likely to pass from the butcher shop into the hands of the jewelers.

Secretary MacVeagh's assertion that the party is becoming a low-tariff party does not apply to either of the "great parties"—Aldrich or Cannon.

Complaint that Secretary MacVeagh is running the treasury department "as he would a first-class grocery" may be based on the department's disapproval of short weights in sugar.

It goes against the grain with some people to be "fired" from a soft government position, and it is impossible for them to hide their wrathful feeling in consequence.

Promising a postal savings bank and then offering the people the Aldrich central bank plan necessarily suggests the text about asking for bread and being given a stone.

Speaker Cannon's friends and admirers explain that whatever his faults may be, "he's no hypocrite." This same admirable trait manifested itself throughout the careers of both Captain Kidd and Jesse James.

The Christmas goods are ready, the stocks are new, the days are bright and crisp, the clerks are able to give you their undivided attention—now! Will you do your Christmas shopping now and not wait until the day before? Only four more shopping days left.

It seems that every time a legislature and a governor appears, who would do something for the good of the state, some little federal appointee steps in and nullifies their good intentions. And thus the rights of the states are gradually being taken away from them.

As the holidays approach let those living on rural routes not forget the mail carriers. Remember they have served you through all kinds of weather, and it will not hurt any of the farmers to give them a gentle reminder in the way of a Christmas present, that they appreciate their faithfulness. Let the gift be ever so small, the postman will be glad to be thus remembered, and the giver will feel better for so doing.

Someone has discovered that the public service corporations are the

source of most civic corruption. This revelation is almost as important and illuminating as the discovery that marriage is the cause of the divorce evil.

If some of those newspapers that have made such desperate efforts to increase their circulations by the piano contest plan would devote more time in an endeavor to make their paper better, they would realize the fact that they have made money by so doing. Make your paper what it ought to be and the readers will be forth coming in time without resorting to contest fakes to secure them.

One or two Democratic papers in the state are endeavoring to have their own way in slate-making. One week they have Governor Shallenberger for the United States Senate, and the next they have him as a candidate for re-election as governor. The Democrats have made up their minds who they want for senator, and are not slow to express themselves. He is a man who will make "Rome howl," if he gets there, too. As to Governor Shallenberger he should be renominated and re-elected. While Democrats all do not agree with him, it is not the time for them "to cut off their noses to spite their faces."

President Taft's Secretary of the Treasury, the Hon. Franklin MacVeagh, in his annual report, says the "hard rigidity of the present revenue system, with its recurrent economical agitations and its long intervals of fixity" makes a bond issue or certificates of indebtedness necessary to meet the national deficit. It must be borne in mind that these untoward conditions follow strictly in the path of undepicted Republican rule for twelve years. Cleveland's administration followed directly a Republican administration that had the plates ready to print bonds in the sum of \$50,000,000, but when the election was over the deficit was turned over to Mr. Cleveland. Disaster followed. But if Senator Aldrich, leader of the Republican party, is to be credited, the financial disaster of 1893 was a mere bagatelle compared with the financial disaster of 1907. Who was responsible for that disaster? Cleveland? Who is responsible for the present conditions that demand a bond issue to meet them? Cleveland? Why did not the Republicans and their papers denounce the proposed bond issue the same as they did when Cleveland was forced to issue bonds?

PEACE OR WAR.

A few of the newspaper organs owned by postmasters in different parts of the state are very busy reading out of the party all the other newspapers that show independence of thought on any question.

This is a very pleasant amusement during the winter months, but there will be a change of tune in the summer. The same boisterous and bossy autocrats of the public crib will become lickspittles when the campaign is on. They will whimper like scalded pups, and beg for help to "elect the ticket." They and their companion bosses on the committees will be glad, as they were last fall, to get the help of the ones they now declare to be outcasts.

So far as this editor is concerned, he does not care two whoops for the selfish opinions of any of these federal brigade editors. They can declare war any time they please, and keep it up till they get ready to quit. And if it pleases their over-bosses at Washington and elsewhere, to have it good and warm off the griddle, they can turn their dogs loose right now.

It may be just as well for the

editors of the state to find out now whether the Republican party is to be regulated, and voted by a dozen federal brigade newspapers, and half as many officeholders, or whether the 120,000 Republican voters and the other 225 editors are to be allowed to take part in the proceedings. If standpatism is to be the party badge, and criticism of schemers and looters is to be denounced as "democracy," it is well to have it understood now, and stick to it next year.

And it may be just as well to find out, too, how much sham and buncombe is in the many official orders against appointees unduly meddling in political affairs.

If it is war you want, gentlemen—and what your bosses want—say so, and let it be to the finish. But don't overstrain yourselves with yawn about patriotism and loyalty to the party, when everybody understands that it is appetite for office that is gnawing your vitals.—Nebraska State Capitol, (Rep.).

HOW TO KILL A TOWN.

Kick. Keep kicking—and don't quit kicking.

One pull one way and one another.

Go to other towns and buy your goods.

Denounce your merchants because they make a profit on their goods.

Refuse to enroll as a member of your local commercial club.

Knife every man that disagrees with you on the method of increasing business.

Make your town a very bad place, and stab it at every chance you get.

Refuse to unite in any scheme for betterment of the material interests of the people.

Tell your merchant that you can buy goods a great deal cheaper in another town and charge him with extortion.

Keep every cent you get, and don't do anything of a public nature unless you can make something out of it directly.

When you say anything of your town say it in such a way that it will leave the impression that you have no faith in it.

Patronize outside newspapers to the exclusion of your own, and then denounce them for not being as large as the city papers.

Go to Omaha to buy goods when you have the cash to pay for them, and buy from the home merchant when you have to have the goods and haven't the money to pay for them, but who kindly gives you credit.

FROM THE BUSY WORLD.

The state of Nebraska is not alone in having bad weather with freezing temperature but Mexico comes to the front with weather below freezing and snowfall all over the land. This is a freak of nature which is not relished by the "mexicanos" as they are illy prepared for chilly blasts and much suffering is reported all over the country. What would happen if they had some weather such as this state has had the past two or three weeks is hard to fore shadow. It would result in many deaths and an untold amount of misery.

It is announced that today notice will be served on seventy-five railroads east of Chicago by the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen asking an increase in wages of from 5 to 40 cents, depending upon the different classes of work involved. This demand is almost certain to be met with refusal by the companies and it is more than probable a strike may be ordered. Such a proceeding would be a widespread calamity and would work untold injury to business in the country. A resort to arbitration is highly advisable but it would be far better for the demand of the trainmen be refused than to involve business in the ruin which a strike would create.

The current press reports seem to indicate that Dr. Cook has failed to prove that he reached the north pole. The commission at Copenhagen has decided that he does not

produce a scientific basis on which to found his claim and will probably reject the same. If this be the case it is a most marvelous example of bare-faced fraud in the history of the world. That a man should prepare and advance a story such as Cook has told and do it without the slightest idea of being found out is hard to believe. The American public will still remain doubtful of his being a fraud in spite of the finding of scientists and others and he will be hailed as the real pole finder by the common people who believe he has been getting an unfair deal.

OUTLINE OF A FAMOUS CASE

Judge Travis Talks of the Famous Chamberlain Case at Beatrice Which he Tried

Judge H. D. Travis returned last evening from Beatrice where he was called about five weeks ago to take charge of the trial of Chamberlain, the banker, who was under indictment by the supreme court of Nebraska, charged with a penitentiary offense. As the case has been much discussed and involved state wide interest Judge Travis very likely consented to give the following history of the case and account of the trial for the benefit of the Journal readers:

Chamberlain was very prominent in society and business circles in Tecumseh, having been married twenty years ago to a daughter of Wm. Russell, of the firm of Holmes & Russell, bankers. Mrs. Chamberlain was prominent in the Woman's club and the entire family was highly esteemed in Tecumseh.

In the first place the Chamberlain Banking House, as it was called, was an old institution having been organized at Tecumseh in the latter part of the eighties. It was a good bank and when in 1898 many other banks failed, this one went through untouched. In August 1902, however, Chamberlain, so he claimed, went to Chicago to raise money of which the bank stood in need at that time. He must have been unsuccessful for on August 30, 1902, the bank closed its doors. At this time the firm had deposits to the sum of \$80,000, besides owing other debts. Its assets were, many of them, poor, some being worthless notes. At the time of the bank's failure there was much excitement on the part of the depositors and anger against the cashier, Chamberlain, with the result that his friends wrote him not to return to Tecumseh. He then disappeared and was gone until April, 1905, when he entered into negotiations with the prosecuting attorney to return and did so. He was under indictment by the grand jury, however, and upon his return to Tecumseh the county attorney filed two informations against him, for having received deposits; knowing the bank to be insolvent.

The crime with which he was charged provided a penalty of from one to ten years in the penitentiary. Many criminal suits have been brought against him since then and he has undergone six jury trials, with varying results. He was found guilty of only one, and sentenced to five years, but appealed and the supreme court reversed the verdict on a technicality.

The present trial began November 16, and had continued for four days, when the state rested its case. Before the defense had offered any testimony, one of the jurors was taken ill with typhoid fever and became delirious. He was taken to the hospital and the jury discharged and another jury impaneled. The trial was then continued, involving the investigation of the papers and records of the bank. Owing to the fact that part of these records had been stolen from the states' possession at the court house at Tecumseh, it became necessary to prove the case largely by secondary evidence.

Many witnesses were retained on both sides, but the defense occupied only one day in putting in its evidence.

A change of venue was then granted and the trial court changed from Johnson county to Gage county, and the county attorney of Johnson county prosecuted the case, assisted by Jay Moore of Tecumseh, Attorney Adams of Lincoln, and Samuel Rinaker of Beatrice.

The prisoner was defended by General L. W. Colby of Beatrice, the law firm of Haslett & Jack, and by Halleck Rose, now attorney for the C. B. & Q. railroad.

The case was bitterly contested from the first, and was well tried

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on both sides. Against this imposing array of legal talent the State was ably represented by Hugh La Master and Jay Moore. These young men prepared the case for trial and introduced the testimony. The case was excellently prepared. Samuel Rinaker made what was conceded to be the best closing argument made in recent years. The addresses by Colby and Rose were arduous, eloquent and powerful.

The arguments were concluded Saturday night last, at 11:30 p. m., the jury was instructed and retired to consider the verdict.

At 11:55 Monday morning the jury brought in a verdict of "not guilty."

The wife and two sons of the defendant were present when the verdict was returned and of course were overjoyed at the outcome of the trial.

In District Court.

In the case of the State vs. Wilson and Smith, in which the latter are charged with entering and burglarizing a Missouri Pacific car, Ainsell Wilson, one of the defendants plead guilty before Judge Travis today and received a sentence of three years at hard labor. Sheriff Quinton took the prisoner to the county jail pending his departure for Lincoln.

In the case of the State vs. Florence I. Meyer, charging the latter with bigamy, the defendant pleaded not guilty and was ordered to appear before the next session of court. Chas. R. Meyer was also ordered to appear as witness.

In the case of the State vs. Chas. H. Neligh, charging the latter with wife abandonment, the court placed the defendant under bond, Matthew Gering entering upon his recognizance.

In the case of Herold vs. Coates, the plaintiff secured a judgment in the sum of \$550.00 and costs, amounting to \$254.37 and the defendant fled a stay bond, stopping execution of the judgment for nine months. J. P. Falter and J. M. Roberts appear on the bond as sureties.

Rich Men's Gifts are Poor

besides this: "I want to go on record as saying that I regard Electric Bitters as one of the greatest gifts that God has made to woman, writes Mrs. O. Rhinevault, of Vestal Center, N. Y., "I can never forget what it has done for me." This glorious medicine gives a woman buoyant spirit, vigor of body and judicious health. It quickly cures Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Melancholy, Headache, Backache, Fainting and Dizzy Spells; soon builds up the weak, allys and sickly. Try them. 50c. at F. G. Fricke & Co.

Death of Former Plattsmouth Lady.

News was received today from Mrs. H. S. McMurphy of Omaha, of the death of her mother, Mrs. Dakin in that city yesterday. The deceased was quite an old lady and lived for many years in Plattsmouth, where she had many friends. These will join the Journal in mourning the loss of an estimable woman, and in condoling with Mrs. McMurphy in her sad bereavement.

The body of the deceased will be brought to this city for interment and the funeral services will be held here. Announcement of the time and place will be made in the Journal.

Later—The body of the late Mrs. Kakin will arrive in this city tomorrow afternoon on the Burlington train due here at 1:15. The services will be held in Omaha tomorrow morning and on the arrival of the body here it will be taken directly from the depot to Oak Hill cemetery for interment.

Stung For 15 Years

by Indigestion's pangs—trying many doctors and \$200.00 worth of medicine in vain, B. F. Ayscove, of Ingleside, N. C., at last used Dr. King's New Life Pills, and writes they wholly cured him. They cure Constipation, Biliousness, Sick headache, Stomach, Kidney and Bowel troubles. 25c at F. G. Fricke & Co.

ELMWOOD.

(Leader-Echo.)

Mrs. H. Goetz is very low, and practically all hopes for her recovery are abandoned.

W. E. Rosencrans and son Clayton, were out from Plattsmouth Tuesday evening attending K. P. lodge.

Mrs. Henry Oehlerking is recovering nicely from the operation she recently underwent at the local hospital.

Grandma Nickel has recovered considerably from her recently severe illness, being able to walk a little at times.

Mrs. B. G. Morgan and daughter Ivy, have been quite sick for some time past. They are doing nicely at this writing.

J. G. Stark and two sons, Eldon and Cecil, went to Iowa Thursday afternoon to see an uncle of the former who is quite sick.

Dr. Neely has been busy since Tuesday setting 'em up. The stork left a handsome ten pound daughter at his home Tuesday afternoon.

Charley Hulfish received a notice last week of his appointment as a railway postal clerk at a salary of \$1,000 per year.

Our friend Ed Dorr fell on the ice one day last week, and was hurt to the extent that he has been confined to his house since.

If you are suffering from biliousness, constipation, indigestion, or chronic headache, invest one cent in a postal card, send to Chamberlain Medicine Co., Des Moines, Iowa, with your name and address plainly on the back, and they will forward you a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Sold by all dealers.

WEEPING WATER.

(Republican.)

Charley Bird expects soon to remove to California in hopes of benefiting his health.

The M. E. Smith overall and shirt factory at Plattsmouth has fifty operatives running as many machines and already talk of adding more to the plant.

John Sill, former tinner for M. J. Wickersham, was in town last week. He says he had sold out his business at Moorefield, and his family moved back to Lincoln. He is traveling for a hardware house out of Omaha.

The government thermometer, presiding over by S. W. Orton, ex-representative of Cass county, ex-mayor of the coldest town in the county registered on last Thursday morning 16 below zero at 8 o'clock. Indications that morning leads us to believe the report is correct, because water froze in the kitchen.

One by one they are called from us. The death of A. J. McDonald adds one more to the list of old residents. Of the men who came here thirty-five years ago and reside here now, says H. G. Race, but a few remain. Among the number are E. Ratnour, M. M. Butler, John Marshall, T. L. Potter, A. W. Beach, Nate Everhart and H. G. Race. There are possibly two or three others. However, there are several ladies, more possibly than men.

Otto Lau has purchased the cream station business of H. P. Smith. Mr. Lau several months ago was seriously injured while farming near Eagle and does not feel able to continue farming. The cream station has been doing a good business ever since it was first established, and Mr. Lau is a gentleman who will do business on the square and give the farmers full value for their products. Mr. Smith declares he don't know what he will do or how soon he will do it. Mr. Lau took charge Monday.

Looking One's Best.

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